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NUNAVUT WATER BOARD
NUNAVUT IMALIRIYIN KATIMAYINGI
OFFICE DES EAUX DU NUNAVUT

Licence No: 2AM-MRY1325

December 4, 2020

To: Mary River Distribution List

Subject: Resuming the NWB Licensing Process for the Amendment Application to Water Licence No: 2AM-MRY1325; Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation

Dear Parties:

On May 16, 2019, the Nunavut Water Board (NWB or Board) distributed its Notice of Application for an Amendment to Water Licence No: 2AM-MRY1325 (Application) assigned to Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation (Baffinland or Applicant). The Applicant requested to amend Water Licence No: 2AM-MRY1325 (Licence) to include Phase 2 Expansion of the Mary River mine. On May 16, 2019, by issuing the Notice of Application, the Board commenced the technical review stage of the licensing process in coordination with the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) as requested by Baffinland.

The following parties provided their comments on the Application on or before July 15, 2019:

- Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs (CIRNA);
- Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC);
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO); and
- Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA).

On August 23, 2019, the Applicant responded to the parties' comments. With the agreement of parties, the NWB scheduled the Technical Meeting (TM) for the Application to take place in Iqaluit, NU on November 12 and 13, 2019.

On November 8, 2019, the Board informed parties about the cancellation of the TM due to the delays in the NIRB assessment process. On November 11, 2019, the Applicant requested "an indefinite deferral" of the TM.

The Board noted that on July 29, 2020, the NIRB resumed the assessment process and issued its Pre-

Hearing Decision Report on October 30, 2020. On December 4, 2020, Baffinland requested the NWB to resume the water licensing process for the Application.

By issuing this letter, the Nunavut Water Board invites all interested parties to attend a short teleconference (up to 60 minutes) commencing at **1:00 pm MT (3:00 pm ET) on December 14, 2020 (Monday)** to discuss details associated with the licensing next stage, which will be the holding of a Technical Meeting and Pre-Hearing Conference (TM/PHC) for the Application.

Teleconference Call-In Information: Phone: 1-888-289-4573; Access Code: 1077157

The Board requests that parties confirm their attendance by **3:00 pm MT (5:00 pm ET) on December 9, 2020**. The NWB would like to request that the parties that participated in the previous stages of the licensing process attend the teleconference to provide their feedback.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the above, please direct them by email to Assol Kubeisinova, Technical Advisor, at assol.kubeisinova@nwb-oen.ca or by phone at (867) 360-6338 (ext. 31).

Sincerely,

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